In addition, the facilities extend to the container include. Free period of 2 days after de-stuffing for landed containers and 30 days for stuffing of export cargo into containers, Minimum manning scale for stuffing and de-stuffing operation. Levy free dock labour services, Reefer points to handle refer containers.

Handing over ITDC Hotel at Bangalore to Private Sector

5457. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disinvestment Commission has made a recommendation for handing over of Bangalore's India Tourism Development Corporation Hotel to a private sector;

(b) if so, the reasons for arriving at the above recommendation; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

"THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): (a) So far Hotel operations of ITDC are concerned, the main recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission are as under:—

"(i) Hotels situated in prime locations like Delhi and Bangalore may be handed over to established hotel chains through a competitive bidding process to be run on a long term structured contract on lease-cum-management basis.

(ii) Other hotels may be de-merged into separate corporate identities and the disinvestment in the new companies will be through sale of 100% Government shareholdings in them."

(b) The Commission in its rescommendations has observed that there is considerable scope for improvement in the profitability of hotels which are situated in prime locations. One of the key success factors in the hotel industry is the ability to privide high quality of service especially in the luxury segment. It is felt that public sector is handicapped in providing this high quality of services in the luxury segment. On the other hand, public sector as a whole does not have to play a role in providing hospitality services in metro locations where the private sector has established adequate presence in the market. In non-metro and other locations where the private sector hotels are yet to establish a presence, the public sector may be better suited to play the role of a facilitator rather than direct provider of services.

(c) The Government has accepted the recommendations of Disinvestment Commission in regard to ITDC.